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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

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SECURE DATA STORAGE AND

RETRIEVAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

Please add new claims 23 - 32 to the previously existing claims which remain unchanged. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Applicant hereby submits the attached claim pages 28-38 as replacement to claim pages 28-35 of the original application as required under 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i). Applicant further submits marked-up copy of said claim pages as required under 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

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